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SUBJECT: SOMALI EDITORIAL COMMENT ON OAU SUMMIT

1. EDITORIAL IN JUNE 21 EDITION OF SEMI-OFFICIAL SOMALI WEEKLY HORSEED CRITICIZES FEW UNNAMED OAU CHIEFS OF STATE FOR THEIR DIVISIVE TACTICS AT MOGADISCIO SUMMIT. CLAIMS THESE SAME AFRICAN LEADERS HAD USED QUOTE INSULTING TERMINOLOGIES UNQUOTE TOWARDS OTHER OAU MEMBER STATES AT MOGADISCIO AND DENIES REMARKS OF ZAMBIAN FONMIN AT DAR ES SALAAM AIRPORT THAT CERTAIN MINORITY HAD TRIED TO USURP MAJORITY WILL AT SUMMIT BUT WERE THWARTED BY ZAMBIAN, TANZANIAN AND DAIRIAN-LED OPPOSITION. HORSEED CLAIMS THAT IT WAS SOMALI PRESIDENT SIAD WHO HIMSELF BROKE DEADLOCK IN SECGEN STANDOFF BY SUGGESTING THAT SECGEN POSITION BE OCCUPIED BY CAMEROONIAN.

2. HORSEED CASTIGATES THOSE WHO WOULD ARBITRARILY DIVIDE AFRICAN STATES INTO COMPETING POWER BLOCS. SAYS THAT DIVISION OF AFRICA INTO ARAB, FRANCOPHONE, ANLOPHONE OR BLACK AFRICAN GROUPINGS IS AN OLD IMPERIALIST CANARD INTENDED TO DIVIDE AFRICA. UNFOR-
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TUNATELY, HORSEED CONTINUES, A FEW AFRICAN STATES --

KNOWINGLY OR UNKNOWINGLY -- ARE STILL BEING MANEUVERED BY
IMPERIALISTS FOR SAME PURPOSE.

3. EDITORIAL ALSO REPEATS PORTIONS OF SIAD'S SUMMIT REMARKS
AND CALLS FOR REEXAMINATION OF OAU CHARTER. NOTES THAT RULE
REQUIRING ELECTION OF SEC GEN BY TWO-THIRDS MAJORITY MEANS SUMMIT
FORCED TO SPEND MORE TIME RESOLVING THAT ISSUE AT MOGADISCIO
THAN ALL OTHER AGENDA ITEMS. ALSO URGES THAT CHARTER BE OVERHAULED
TO GIVE OAU THE MUSCLE TO SOLVE EXISTING TERRITORIAL DISPUTES --
A POWER IT DOES NOT NOW HAVE.

4. COMMENT: HORSEED REMARKS ARE FIRST PUBLIC SIGNS OF SOMALI
PIQUE AT OUTCOME OF MOGADISCIO SUMMIT AND FAILURE TO ACCOMPLISH
EITHER OF TWO PRINCIPAL OBJECTIVES: MOVEMENT ON ETHIOPIAN TERRI-
TORIAL DISPUTE AND ELECTION OF SOMALI PRESIDENT AS SEC GEN. ALTHOUGH
QUOTE INSULTING TERMINOLOGIES UNQUOTE CITED PARA ONE NOT FURTHER
DEFINED, IT MAY REFER TO CHARGES THAT SOMALIA WAS THE TOOL
OF THE OAU ARAB STATES AT MOGADISCIO OR THAT THE OAU ARABS
OTHERWISE CONSPIRED TO SERVE THEIR OWN NEEDS.
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